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Application No.:)
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Applicant(s):	Viktor Zoubek Vaclav Sasek) PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT)
Group Art Unit:)
Title:	Fixing Element)
Attorney Docket:	47623-0006	

Commissioner For Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter and consider this Preliminary Amendment in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.115 prior to calculation of the filing fee for the present application. The fee calculation on page two of the Transmittal Letter is based upon the claims as hereby amended.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 10 of this paper and include two attached replacement sheets.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.